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## **Commissioner Leslie Newman Appoints James H. “Jim” Pillow as Assistant Commissioner for Fire Prevention**

**Nashville, TN** - - Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie Newman is pleased to announce the appointment of James H. “Jim” Pillow as the Assistant Commissioner for the Fire Prevention Division. Pillow recently spent four years as the Clarksville City Building and Codes Director. He previously spent 10 years with the city of Milan as a Building Official/City Planner.

Pillow has considerable experience in the building industry. With 14 years of experience in building and codes departments, he has numerous certifications with the International Code Council (ICC) including Building Official, Master Code Professional, Housing Code Official, Commercial Building Inspector and Building Plans Examiner. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Building Officials Association. A Limited License Electrician and Plumber with the State of Tennessee, Pillow is also certified with the ICC as a Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector.

Pillow also has extensive fire prevention experience. A contract instructor at the State Fire & Codes Academy in Bell Buckle, he is a member of the Architects, Engineers and Building Officials section of the National Fire Protection Association. Pillow is certified with the State of Tennessee as a Building and Fire Inspector and with the ICC as a Fire Marshal, Fire Code Official and Fire Inspector. He is also a certified Fire Inspector II by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

“We are very excited to welcome Jim to our department,” said Commissioner Newman. “Jim brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position.”

A Gibson County native, Pillow attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas where he studied Business Administration. A former Marine Sergeant, Pillow is also a member of the American Planning Association, International Code Council and the Tennessee Municipal League.

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